being polluted by the Oil Refinery for a long time;

(b) What steps are being taken by Government to make this once beautiful township free of pollution;

(c) what are the details of the meeasures and the time-frame finalised therefor; and

(d) Whether Government are also aware that the recently built treatment plant has not succeeded in containing the pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Modernisation of Digboi Refinery to replace obsolete and energy inefficient technology has been taken up. The following measures are being implemented in a time-bound manner:

(I) Replacement of acid treatment for wax by Hydrotreatment by 1993-94.

(II) Installation of a Catalytic Reforming unit to reduce lead in motor spirit by 1993-94.

(III) Replacement of three obsolete crude distillation units by modern units by 1994-95.

(d) The newly constructed effluent treatment plant had initial teething problems. These operations have now been stream lined. Steps have been initiated for further improvement to meet the standards.

Railway Line to Jammu-Udhampur

18. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Jammu-Udhampur Railway line is likely to commence; and

(b) whether Government have a proposal for laying Railway line in the Valley of Kashmir; if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Work on this project is in progress. The first stage upto Bajalta is expected to be opened in 1991-92. Completion of the project upto Udhampur will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

(b) No, Sir.

Kidnapping in different States

19. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of kidnapping in different States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of accused/criminals released according to the demands of kidnappers, State-wise and year-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of State Governments. However, a statement indicating the yearwise and State-wise registration of cases under 'Kidnapping and Abduction' in different States during the last three years is enclosed.